LETTER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

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Dear brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ,

First, I thank the Lord for being so good to me and preserving my life. Paul said in **Acts 17:28**, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being." It has been two months now that I had to have major surgery. God provided a good surgeon who removed about 18 in. of my intestine because of a blockage and also a perforated colon. I spent 9 days in the hospital and after coming home, recovery has been good and I thank the Lord that I am getting my strength back.

The doctor said there was no cancer found in the part that was removed, but said that in about 3-4 months, I should get a colonoscopy since it has been several years since I have had one.

Many of you were burdened for my situation and sent love offerings which have been a real blessing to us. We are grateful for you and what you have done. Our expenses were in two categories: Hospital and all the rest. The bill for the hospital was over **$40,000.00** (not including the **$1,700.00** paid just to get admitted). The total for all the rest (the surgeon, other doctors, lab tests, X-rays, CT scans, anesthesiologists, and medications, at last count, was over **$10,000.00**. The offerings you sent have paid for all of these expenses, as far as I know.

The hospital asked me to fill out some forms and also give them a copy of my last 1040 form for my income tax. That was easy to supply. The business office told me NOT to pay anything then but wait because the administration would probably give me a good discount. A week ago today, I received a letter telling me that **I owe nothing**! The Lord certainly helped us in a remarkable way. Truly God fulfilled that scripture to us in **Eph 3:20**, "Now unto him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us…" Then, last Monday, the hospital sent me a check for the **$1,700.00** I had given them for admission! *Wonders never cease!*

I am preaching in every church service and have also resumed the radio program 5 days a week. God has renewed by strength for which I am thankful. Keep praying that I can get stronger yet, if that is His will.

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for all that you have done to help us…God has wonderfully used you.

In Christ Jesus our Lord,

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